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Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) announced today that he will donate over 68,000 frequent flyer miles to the Fisher House's Hero Miles Program, which provides free airline tickets to American soldiers and their families, and the Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals. The vast majority of Congressman Barrow's frequent flier miles were accumulated from his travels back and forth from Georgia to Washington, D.C.

"Coming up to Washington is part of my job," said Barrow. "There's no better way to use the frequent flyer miles I accumulate from those trips than to make sure that our troops and their families can see each other or to help sick kids get well, especially during the holiday season. I encourage all of my colleagues in Congress to donate the frequent flyer miles they receive for Congressional travel to programs like these, rather than keeping the frequent flyer miles for themselves."

The Hero Miles program is administered by the non-profit Fisher House with two locations in Augusta, Georgia alone. The program is comprised of major U.S. airlines whose passengers are able to donate their accumulated frequent flyer miles to assist servicemen and women or their families see each other. Soldiers may use the tickets to travel home with approved leave, or the families may travel to visit the soldiers if they are being treated at a medical center.

Each year the Children's Miracle Network hospitals provide the finest medical care, life-saving research and preventative education to help millions of kids overcome diseases and injuries of every kind. Every child deserves the hope and healing of children's hospitals. With the help of a Children's Miracle Network hospital in their community, children of all ages and backgrounds can receive treatment for every imaginable disease and injury—from asthma and broken bones to cancer and heart defects. Children's hospitals are also on the front lines of research, education and outreach programs that keep millions of kids out of the hospital each year.

For more information about the Fisher House and the Hero Miles program or the Children's Miracle Network, please visit www.fisherhouse.org, or www.childrensmiraclenetwork.org.

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